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### Minutes

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757  
January 7, 2016, 11:00AM**

#### 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

##### Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams  
Guy Licciardi  
Quion T. Riley

##### Board Members Absent

Gary Litchfield  
Joseph Krowski Jr.

##### Guests Present

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist  
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel via telephone  
Stephen Carley, DPS Assistant General Counsel via telephone  
Lynette Smith, Assistant Executive Director, USA Boxing National via telephone  
Danny Aquino, Professional Boxer via telephone

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes from December 2, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

#### 3. Discuss scheduling of the Medical Board Meeting for 2016

The board agreed to schedule the meeting to either follow or precede the next scheduled MSAC meeting in February.

4. USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees  
Lynette Smith, Assistant Executive Director to USA Boxing National was present via telephone for this subject. After a review of the 2016 sanction fees, the board put forth a freeze on all fundraiser sanctions effective immediately charged by USA Boxing New England.  
The required medicals for amateur boxers were reviewed per the regulations and it was stated by Lynette Smith that these medical requirements were not being followed. The next MSAC meeting was set at this time so that the Executive Director would be present to discuss these matters. The next MSAC meeting was set for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Milford location at 11am.
5. Application for MMA Judge, Salvatore D'Amato  
A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the application for MMA Judge by Salvatore D'Amato, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
6. Applications for Boxing Judge and Boxing Referee, Richard A. Robitaille  
A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the Applications for Boxing Judge and Boxing Referee by Richard A. Robitaille pending certification documentation by USA Boxing is provided, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
7. Application for MMA Referee, Steven J. Ward  
A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the application for MMA Referee by Steve J. Ward, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
8. Request to Appeal Decision for the match of Danny Aquino and Jonathan Guzman on October 10, 2015, Lowell Auditorium  
Danny Aquino, Professional Boxer was present via telephone to voice his request of appeal to change the decision of his match against Jonathan Guzman. He felt that due to the majority of what he felt were illegal blows gone unnoticed by Referee Jackie Morrell that the fight fell in favor of Jonathan Guzman. The board decided to deny the appeal as they did not find that the change of decision was warranted under 523 CMR 14.21.
9. 523 CMR Review  
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel was present via telephone to notify the board of the status of the redlines the board had prepared. They were sent to the Executive Office of Public Safety and once a response is received from the Administrative and Finance Office (ANF), the date for a public hearing would be scheduled.
10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting  
N/A
11. Adjourn  
This meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Draft of Minutes, December 2, 2015

USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees page from official website

Application for MMA Judge, Salvatore D'Amato

Application for MMA Referee, Steven J. Ward

Applications for Boxing Judge and Boxing Referee, Richard A. Robitaille

Appeal Request Letter from Professional Fighter, Danny Aquino and his Team